



Western Library System Helping libraries serve our communities.

March/April 2018

Spring Has Sprung, and We're Rockin' and Hoppin'!

Wow, the year started off rockin' with our Summer Reading Program Workshops in both Bridgeport and Grant. We had some wonderful presenters and programs for all ages, including Sally Snyder from NLC, Christie Clarke from Gering Public Library, Jana Kehn from Lied Scottsbluff Public Library, along with an awesome crew from Bridgeport, including Tammy Covalt, Lori Leonard, Cheryl Hamilton, not to mention Chelsea Altena, the 4-H Coordinator with UNL Extension. Thank you to everyone that presented and participated. I hope that everyone has a wonderful upcoming Summer Reading Program in their library. Remember to include patrons of all ages, to quote Jana Kehn: "Kids Can't Have ALL the Fun!"

Our Western Nebraska Libraries are Rockin', and the WLS has some great upcoming programs, such as the PLTS Spring Meeting at the Alliance Public Library in April (registration on page 3), then on to Kimball Public Library in May for an Information Security Workshop, where we will also introduce our newest equipment including the Cover One book repair system and our Breakout.EDU kits.

Be sure to keep updated on all of the new equipment and technology we are providing from the WLS office. We now have a [Makey Makey](#) innovation kit, a Frog Guiro and wooden castanets to borrow. Don't forget about our newest book kit, the One Book One Nebraska selection, *Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry* to help celebrate National Poetry Month in April.

April is also a time to celebrate our School Library Media Specialist with [School Library Month](#), along with [National Library Week](#) (April 8-14), and don't forget about [National Library Worker's Day](#) on April 10, 2018. Because the face of our communities are changing, and because we as librarians impact our communities everyday, follow the ALA initiative of [Libraries Transform Campaign](#) to learn to advocate for improving our community members' lives. Libraries are the gateway to lifelong learning, freedom of information to all patrons, along with the best search engines in the world: our expert librarians!

Speaking of Transforming our Libraries, check out the Nebraska Library Commission's #BookFaceFriday "[These Books Were Made For Talking.](#)" using the [Library Innovation Studios](#) makerspace equipment. Transform your library further by applying for your own [Library Innovation Studios: Transforming Rural Communities project](#) grant.

Happy Spring everyone! Keep Rockin' and Hoppin' with your own creativity!

- Jan Jolliffe -

"Only the very weak-minded refuse to be influenced by literature and poetry."

Cassandra Clare,

Clockwork Angel

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March/April Display and Programming Ideas

National Poetry Month (April)

National Poetry Month each April is the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, bloggers, and, of course, poets marking poetry's important place in our culture and our lives. While we celebrate poets and poetry year-round, the Academy of American Poets founded National Poetry Month in April 1996. Display poetry books from all areas of your collection along with this list of [30 ways to celebrate poetry](#).

School Library Month (April)

Celebrate the American Association of School Librarians' 2018 theme **Making Connections at Your School Library**. Add the official hashtag to your Facebook with the 2018 [#AASLslm Twibbon](#). Host activities to show the essential role that school libraries and librarians play in their community by transforming learning. Watch [Jason Reynolds for School Libraries](#).

National Library Week (April 8-14)

The National Library Week 2018 celebration will mark the 60th anniversary of the first event, sponsored in 1958. In the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. In 1957, the National Book Committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries. With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!" The 2018 theme is "Libraries Lead." Go to <http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek> for more information.

National Siblings Day (April 10)

Started to commemorate siblings that had passed away while they were very young, National Siblings Day has become a political and global phenomenon, being celebrated in countries all over the world on April 10th. Make bookmarks with some interesting [statistics about siblings from this website](#). Display them with books that feature sibling relationships. Think about Charlie Brown and his little sister Sally or Ramona Quimby.

Friday the 13th (April 13, 2018)

Fear of Friday the 13th is rooted in ancient, separate bad-luck associations with the number 13 and the day Friday. The two unlucky entities combine to make one super unlucky day. Display materials about common fears, phobias, and superstitions (spiders, snakes, dogs, bridges, flying in an airplane, etc.). [Click here for a list of the top 100 phobias](#).

Go Fly a Kite Day (April 15, 2018)

Plan a fun family event focused on flying kites. Explore the American Kitefliers Association website (<http://kite.org>) for resources. Have everyone build their own kites using this [tutorial](#).

National Stress Awareness Day (April 16)

April 16 (the day after Tax Day) is a special day set aside for Americans to be aware of just how stressed they may have become! Make a small display of books of things related to de-stressing. Here are some possible topics: treat yourself (think chocolate); exercise; meditate; get enough rest; and, pet your dog. Program ideas include, host a yoga class; set up a coloring station; or, invite a counselor to talk about stress management.

International Juggler's Day (April 18)

Established by the International Juggler's Association and is dedicated to preserving and spreading the history of the art of juggling. Juggling as an art form is far older than most people credit, going back well over 4,000 years. The first evidence of juggling goes back to the wall of a tomb in Egypt. YouTube has numerous tutorials about juggling. [This one](#) shows an easy way to get started. Have a program where patrons of all ages can learn to juggle and give a prize to who can juggle the longest.

International Astronomy Day (April 21, 2018)

Astronomy allows us to see the history of the universe with our own eyes. The stars that twinkle as you look out on a dark, clear night may not exist right now. They existed at whatever point in history they emitted that light, which has taken millions of years to reach Earth. Display books and dvds about stars, planets, moons, and all things in our Solar System. Since this is a Saturday, you could host a stargazing event.

Earth Day (April 22, 2018)

Earth Day 2018 will focus on mobilizing the world to End Plastic Pollution, including creating support for a global effort to eliminate single use plastics along with uniform regulation for the disposal of plastics. Display books about recycling and upcycle plastic bottles into [adorable cat planters](#) to do your part.

Arbor Day (April 27, 2018)

Trees are simply amazing. They clean air and water, slow climate change, ease poverty and hunger, prevent species loss, and feed the human soul. All we need to do is plant and care for them. Check with your city's Parks and Recreation Department to see if they're giving away free trees. Offer to partner with them and distribute trees from the library. Display books about trees and this uniquely Nebraskan holiday.

Posted by Denise Harders, CPLS

Mark Your Calendar

School Library Month

April - celebrate our school librarians/media specialists all month.

National Library Workers Day

Recognize someone from your library: [Submit a Star!](#)
April 10, 2018

WLS Board Meeting

Railway Office Plaza, Conference.
Room 10:00 a.m.
April 10, 2018

Letters About Literature, Letter Writing Clinics - Grant Opportunity Deadline

April 15, 2018
http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/programs/LAL_Grant/2018/index.aspx

2018 Nebraska Educational Technology Association (NETA) Spring Conference

April 18-20, Omaha, NE
For more information:
www.netasite.org

PLTS Spring Meeting

April 25, 2018
Alliance Public Library
[Register Here!](#)

Stronger Together: Building Literacy-Rich Communities

May 10 - 12, 2018
Barbara Weitz Community
Engagement Center, Omaha, NE
[Registration](#)

Information Security Workshop

May 18, 2018
Kimball Public Library
Details and registration to follow soon.



Upcoming NCompass Live

Upcoming NCompass Live events:

- 3/28 - Providing Access to the Good Life for the Disabled
- 4/4 - Building a Future: The Big Move
- 4/11 - Teen Services Without Teen Spaces: Innovative Programming
- 4/18 - Reaching Out Through Your Collection
- 4/25 - Introducing the Nebraska Authors Database
- 5/2 - Your Partners in Service: Accessing UNL Libraries Resources
- 5/16 - One Book One Nebraska: "Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry"

NCompass Live is broadcast live, every Wednesday, 9am - 10am Mountain Time.

Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians

Class Dates	Class	Instructor	Registration Dates
3/19 - 3/30	Library Technology	Holly Woldt	2/19 - 3/9
4/2 - 4/27	Organization of Materials *	Allison Badger	3/5 - 3/23
4/23 - 5/4	Readers Advisory	Sharon Osenga	3/26 - 4/13
5/21 - 6/1	Intellectual Freedom and the Core Values of Librarianship *	Sally Snyder	4/23 - 5/11
6/11 - 6/22	Library Finance		5/14 - 6/1

(* Requisite class)

Register on the Nebraska Library Commission [Training and Events Calendar](#).

[Description of Basic Skills courses](#)

[Basic Skills Planner](#)--for program participants to keep track of their progress

For further information, contact [Holli Duggan](#), NLC Continuing Education Coordinator.

NLC Cataloging Certification Program 2018 Schedule

Class Dates	Class	Instructor	Registration Dates
5/14 - 7/2	Understanding MARC21 Bibliographic Records	Allison Badger	4/1 - 5/1



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2018 Youth Awards

The American Library Association named the 2018 Youth Award winners at the Mid-Winter Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

[To see the whole list, click on this link.](#)

John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature: ***Hello, Universe*** written by Erin Entrada Kelly, is the 2018 Newbery Medal winner. The book is published by Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers.

Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children: ***Wolf in the Snow***, illustrated and written by Matthew Cordell is the 2018 Caldecott Medal winner. The book was published by Feiwel and Friends, an Imprint of Macmillan.

Coretta Scott King Book Awards recognizing African American authors and illustrators of outstanding books for children and young adults: ***Piecing Me Together***, written by Renée Watson, is the King Author Award winner. The book is published by Bloomsbury Children's Books.

Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults: ***We Are Okay***, written by Nina LaCour, is the 2018 Printz Award winner. The book is published by Dutton Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers.

Alex Awards for the 10 best adult books that appeal to teen audiences:

All Systems Red, by Martha Wells, a Tor.com Book, published by Thomas Doherty Associates;
The Clockwork Dynasty, by Daniel H. Wilson, published by Doubleday, a division of Penguin Random House LLC;

Down Among the Sticks and Bones, by Seanan McGuire, a Tor.com Book, published by Thomas Doherty Associates;

Electric Arches, by Eve L. Ewing, published by Haymarket Books;

A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea, by Melissa Fleming, published by Flatiron Books;

Malagash, by Joey Comeau, published by ECW Press;

Roughneck, by Jeff Lemire, published by Gallery 13, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, Inc.;

She Rides Shotgun, by Jordan Harper, published by Ecco, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers;

Things We Have in Common, by Tasha Kavanagh, published by MIRA Books and

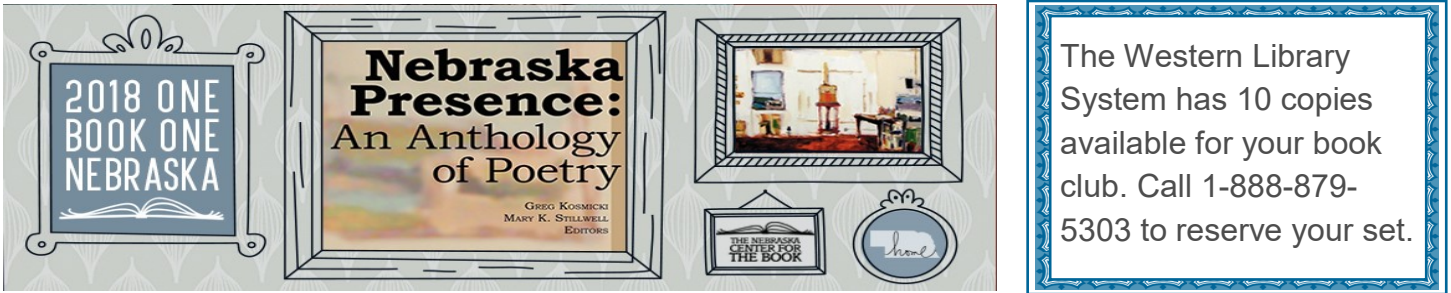
An Unkindness of Magicians, by Kat Howard, published by SAGA Press, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, Inc.



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Posted on February 12, 2018 by Denise Harders.
Central Plains Library System

Nebraska Librarians Invited to Plan a Program for One Book One Nebraska in April



National Poetry Month each April is the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, bloggers, and poets marking poetry's important place in our culture and our lives.

While we celebrate poets and poetry year-round, the Academy of American Poets was inspired by the successful celebrations of Black History Month (February) and Women's History Month (March), and founded National Poetry Month in April 1996 with an aim to:

- highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets,
- encourage the reading of poems,
- assist teachers in bringing poetry into their classrooms,
- increase the attention paid to poetry by national and local media,
- encourage increased publication and distribution of poetry books, and encourage support for poets and poetry.



This year's One Book One Nebraska selection offers a great opportunity for participation. The **2018 One Book One Nebraska: *Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry*** (The Backwaters Press, 2007) edited by Greg Kosmicki and Mary K. Stillwell includes poems by more than eighty contemporary Nebraska poets, including Pulitzer Prize winner and former Poet Laureate of the United States Ted Kooser, Nebraska State Poet Twyla Hansen, former State Poet William Kloefkorn, and many others. Nebraska libraries are encouraged to organize groups to read the book in your library (book club kits available at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/ref/bookclub/index.asp> or from your [Regional Library System](#)) and to plan programs to celebrate Nebraska poetry (ideas for programs at <http://onebook.nebraska.gov/2018/get-involved.aspx>).

The One Book One Nebraska reading program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Library Commission, and Humanities Nebraska is entering its fourteenth year. It encourages Nebraskans across the state to read and discuss one book, chosen from books written by Nebraska authors or that have a Nebraska theme or setting. Libraries across Nebraska will join other literary and cultural organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events to encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this book. Support materials to assist with local reading/discussion activities are available at <http://onebook.nebraska.gov>. Updates and activity listings will be posted there and on <http://www.facebook.com/onebookonenebraska>.

The [Nebraska Center for the Book](#) is housed at the [Nebraska Library Commission](#) and brings together the state's readers, writers, booksellers, librarians, publishers, printers, educators, and scholars to build the community of the book, supporting programs to celebrate and stimulate public interest in books, reading, and the written word. The Nebraska Center for the Book is supported by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Posted on by February 8, 2018 by [Mary Jo Ryan](#)

Information provided by
Nebraska Library Commission



Letters About Literature

LAL is a national reading and writing promotion program sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and presented in partnership with participating affiliate state centers for the book. The 25th annual writing contest for young readers was made possible by a generous grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, with additional support from gifts to the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, which promotes the contest through its affiliate Centers for the Book, state libraries and other organizations. Letters About Literature is coordinated and sponsored in Nebraska by the Nebraska Center for the Book and the Nebraska Library Commission, with support from Houchen Bindery, Ltd., Humanities Nebraska, and Chapters Bookstore in Seward.

To enter, readers write a personal letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre—fiction, nonfiction, or poetry, contemporary or classic—explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or themselves.

Contest participants compete on three levels:

- Level I for young readers in grades 4-6
- Level II for young adult readers in grades 7-8
- Level III for readers in grades 9-12



Letters About Literature awards prizes on both the state and national levels. Each state center has its own panel of judges who select the top essayists in the state. State winners will receive prizes, and then advance to the national competition.

The Letters About Literature [Teaching Guide](#) [PDF] provides activities teachers and librarians can use to guide their students through the book discussion and letter-writing process. The guide addresses the LAL teaching strategies and ways in which the program can dovetail with national standards for teaching reading and writing as well as Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Also included are worksheets for duplication and assessment checklists.

Nebraska Center for the Book's website: <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/index.asp>

2018 Letter Writing Clinics Grant Information:

Grant Applications Accepted:	February 15, 2017 to April 15, 2018
Grant Deadline:	April 15, 2018, 11:59 p.m. CT
Notification:	April 30, 2018

Funded Letter Writing Clinics must be held no later than October 31, 2018. Deadline for letters: December 2018.

For more information contact: [Mary Jo Ryan](#), Nebraska Library Commission, 402-471-4870, 800-307-2665.



2018 NLA/NSLA Joint Conference



October 4-6, 2018

The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker

333 S 13th St • Lincoln, NE

The 2018 NLA/NSLA Conference promises to be an exciting experience. There will be Preconferences, Workshops, Lectures, Panel Discussions, Lightning Rounds, and Poster Presentations. In addition, there will be Evening Social Events...**ALL** included in the (very reasonable) Registration Fee.

To make it possible for more library workers from the Western Library System to attend, the WLS Board has decided to increase the **Scholarships** this year to **\$200.00**. The Application can be found on page 19 of this newsletter and on the WLS website.

All applications will be reviewed, and award decisions will be made by the Board's Scholarship Committee.

[Visit NLA/NSLA for Conference Information](#)

Creative Book Club Ideas?

Does your library offer a book club that's a little outside the box? Does it have a creative theme or meet in a unique location? Do you read unusual titles or dabble in interesting activities?

Tell ALA about it!

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office is compiling a list of creative book club ideas for a forthcoming book project with ALA Publishing. If your book club is featured in our book, you will be acknowledged in the publication.

To share your book club with us, please fill out this brief, 12-question online survey. The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete and is online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bookclubreboot>.

Questions? Contact:

- * Sarah Ostman, Communications Manager, ALA's Public Programs Office: sostman@ala.org
- * Stephanie Saba, Senior Librarian, San Mateo County Libraries, sabas@smcl.org



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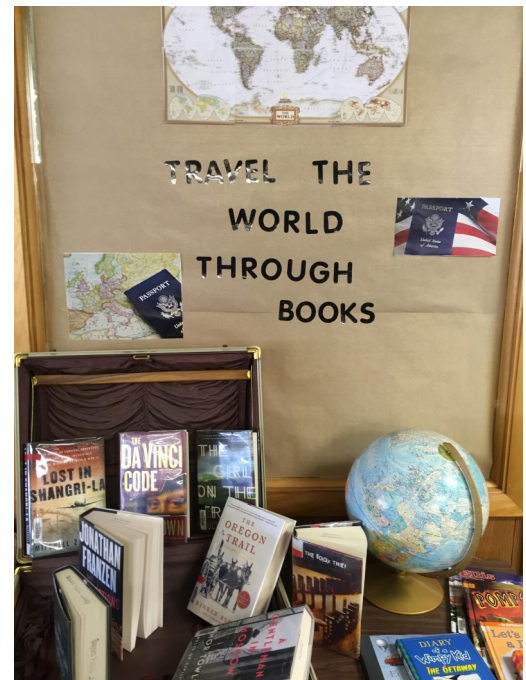
WLS Board Members Try the Newest Equipment: Cover One Book Repair System



Several of the Western Library System Board Members practiced their skills on book repair. Kathy Terrell, Jill Hurtt and Carole Matthews stopped by after the last board meeting to try the new Cover One Book Repair System. Jill turned out to be a pro, repairing several books from her school library. If you are interested in borrowing the new Cover One machine, please contact our office: 1-888-879-5303, or email Jeri Clapper: wlsassist@gmail.com to reserve this for your library.

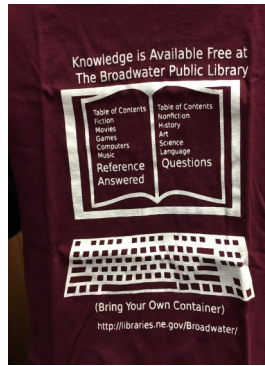
Article and photo submitted by Jan Jolliffe

Bayard Public Library's Awesome Displays



Blind Date With A Book Celebration & Travel the World Through Books

Broadwater Public Library

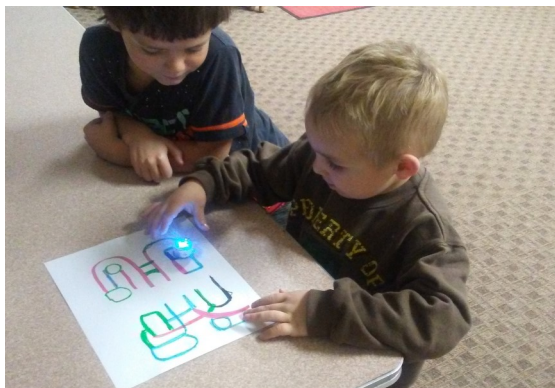


Puzzles are a hit with many of the patrons, along with cuddly bunnies and one-of-a-kind t-shirt advertisements. The children and young adult teen area has undergone a weeding and sprucing up, just in time for their upcoming Summer Reading Programs.

Broadwater Public Library "Rocks"!!!



Broadwater's Youngest Patrons Coding and Learning with the Ozobot Program



Despite illness and bad weather, five students attended the Coding and Ozobot program at the Broadwater Public Library on January 10, 2018. We did a simple binary coding project, then made paths for the Ozobots to follow using markers. Students were first asked to observe the Ozobots on pre-made paths that come with each Ozobot. After observing the paths' colors and the Ozobot responses, the students then created their own paths.

Ozobots are available through Amazon for a cost of approximately \$10.00 per unit. Thank you to the Bridgeport Public Library for lending us their Ozobot Kits.

Article and Ozobot pictures submitted by Cheryl L. Hamilton,
Director, Broadwater Public Library.
Library photos by Jan Jolliffe

Lied Scottsbluff Public Library Teen Anti-love Potion #9 Breakout Room



I am pleased to report that our first TAC meeting was a success in all ways. The kids had an absolute nerve wracking blast playing Anti-love potion #9, and everyone came together and worked as a team. They were able to break out with four minutes to spare and only used one hint card. I think we have a great group of teens here to help us grow our teen programming.



Article and pictures submitted by Ginie Perez, Teen Librarian,
Lied Scottsbluff Public Library

Bridgeport Public Schools' Digital Escape from the Bridgeport Public Library



We escaped! 24 minutes and 36 seconds!



The Winners!!!

We escaped! 14 minutes and 34 seconds!



We escaped! 16 minutes and 36 seconds!

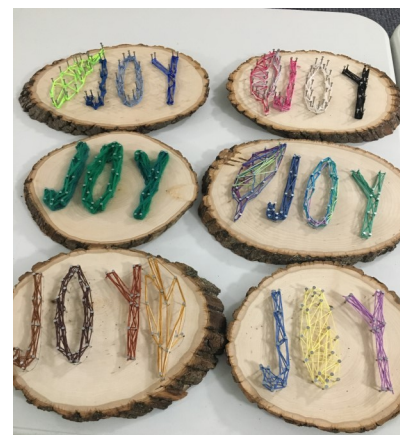
Bridgeport Public School Media Specialist, Amy Widener, collaborated with the Bridgeport Public Librarian, Tammy Covalt, to hold a Digital Breakout Room for teens. There were three to five people per group, and each group only had a maximum time of 30 minutes to escape. As you can see from the pictures above, all escaped, and a fantastic time was had by all! Whew!

Photos by Amy Widener, Article information by Tammy Covalt and the Bridgeport Public Schools.

Morrill Public Library String Art



The Morrill Public Library Adult Friday Morning Group.



Beautiful String Art created for

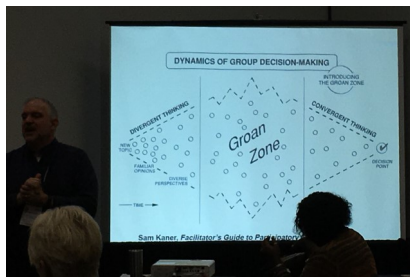
Photos and information provided by Sarah Alfred, Director, Morrill Public Library

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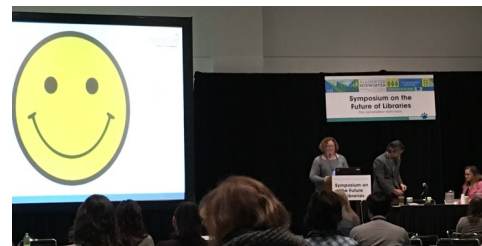
ALA Midwinter Meeting in Denver: Authors, Books and Bears...OH MY!



Roberta Boyd, from Lied Scottsbluff Public Library, braves the bears at ALA to meet authors, learn new research methodology, try out the awesome technology, along with networking/socializing with amazing librarians from all over.



Learning about the newest book titles at the ALA Book Buzz.



Libraries and librarians are transforming, and the perception of libraries are changing to meet our communities' needs.



Islandborn author, Junot Diaz



Author Dave Eggers discussing his new book, *Her Right Foot*, along with [826LA](#), his literacy organization.

2018 Nebraska Educational Technology Association (NETA) Spring Conference

The Nebraska School Librarians Association is thrilled to have an Educational Partnership with NETA! Through this partnership, NSLA is bringing in Mark Ray as a Friday Featured Speaker. Find out more information about Mark Ray [HERE](#). There will also be a "Library Media" presentation strand throughout the conference.

What YOU and YOUR SCHOOL receive from attending the 2018 NETA Spring Conference

- Over 200+ featured, breakout, and interactive educational technology sessions from which to choose on Thursday and Friday

Numerous hands-on [WORKSHOPS](#) designed to give you a more in-depth experience on Wednesday, April 18th and Thursday, April 19th

- Nationally recognized speakers
- Admittance to an Innovation Lab
- Playgrounds where YOU can personally experience the newest technologies
- Opportunity to meet and interact with over 100 exhibitors

Networking opportunities to expand YOUR professional learning network to continue learning throughout the year

We hope you are able to join us April 18 - 20, 2018. For more information about NETA or the conference visit www.netasite.org

Information provided by Angie C Richeson via email: richesonac@unk.edu, President, Nebraska School Librarians Association

Dundy County Library Relocates

January was a very busy month for the Dundy County Library in Benkelman. The renovations on our new building on 102 6th Avenue East were for the most part complete. The library board began the job of packing up all of the books, on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 in preparation of the big move the next day. With help from Latta Construction, the Dundy County-Stratton football team and Coach Michael Spargo, we were able to get everything moved to the new building. As soon as the bookshelves were put in place, we began the daunting task of organizing the books and putting them in place with the help of some wonderful volunteers.



Pinnacle Bank of Benkelman donated ten computers to the library. We will be able to replace some of our older computers with the new ones.



We were able to re-open on January 26, 2018. Over the coming months, the library will be replacing our front windows with more energy efficient windows, adding cupboards and new shelving. Dundy County Library in Benkelman is truly blessed with wonderful people in our community that have generously donated time and resources to help us with the transition to our new building.



Article and pictures submitted by Christine Egger, Director, Dundy County Library

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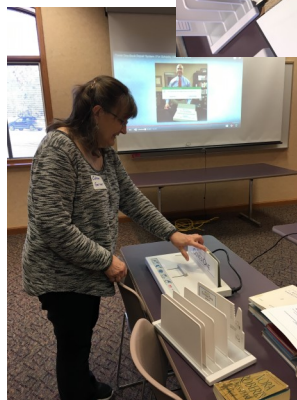
Librarian Meeting: Alliance Public Library. Breakout.Edu, Cover One and Open Forum Sharing

Watching the Cover One video for training,
then hands-on practice!

<https://youtu.be/zT9EGsvAFMc>



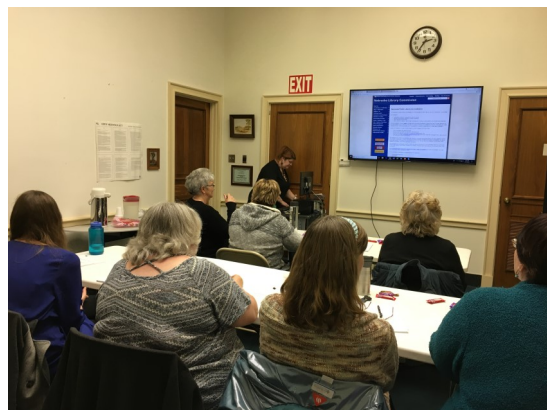
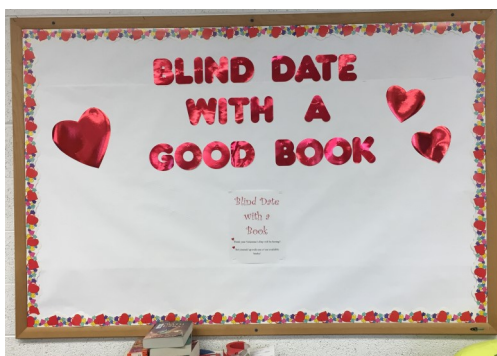
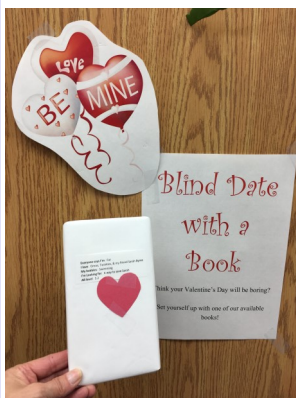
Elaine Bleisch discusses her experience using the new WLS Breakout.EDU Kit for her patrons.



Coleen Garner tries her hand at book repair.

Banner County Schools, Harrisburg, NE “Blind Date with a Good Book”

Kari Gifford, Media Specialist and Rick Caudillo, Library Assistant entice their students to try new books.



Information provided by
Nebraska Library Commission

Community Needs Response Planning Training, Sidney Public Library, with Christa Porter, NLC

<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/LibAccred/planning.aspx#Workshop>

For more information or to watch the online workshop visit:



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Photos by Jan Jolliffe

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WLS's Summer Reading Workshops, Prairie Winds Community Center, Bridgeport and Hastings Memorial Library, Grant, NE



Chelsea Altena, Morrill County UNL Extension 4-H, presents her STEM Program: [Rockin Sound Waves](#).



Jana Kehn, presenting her Adult Program: "Kids Can't Have ALL the Fun!" while others collect Sally Snyder's free book giveaways.



Sally Snyder, NLC, with some fantastic "Libraries Rock!" book prizes.



Attentive participants at the Prairie Winds Community Center



Sarah Sanderson, Sioux County Library, enjoying the artistic program.



Children and Teen Programs by Bridgeport Librarians: Tammy Covalt, Lori Leonard, Cheryl Hamilton, with Chelsea Altena, UNL 4-H Coordinator.



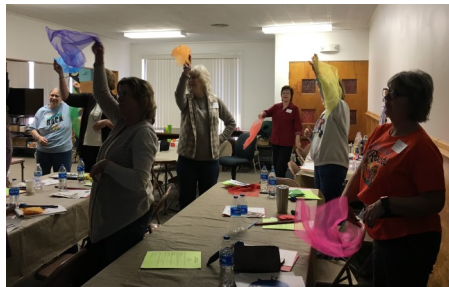
Handmade artwork along with sweet musical treats kept the librarian "rockin' out".



"Rockin" samples from the Make & Take Craft Table.



Christie Clarke, Gering Public Library, got everyone "Rockin" to her Children's Program.



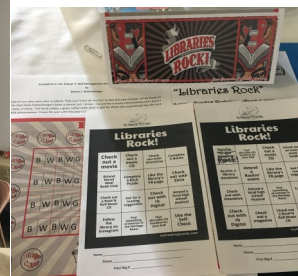
Several participants enjoying our Make & Take Craft Table along with the STEM Makey Makey



It's never too early to "Rock out and Read!"



Jana Kehn, Lied Scottsbluff Public Library, discussing her Adult Reading Program: "Kids Can't Have ALL the Fun" while providing examples of her patron reading cards.



Book Review by Jan Kehn, Adult Services Librarian, Lied Scottsbluff Public Library

Scottsbluff in '62: A Rock 'n' Roll Retrospective of Small Town America

By Steven J. Rothenberger

Those of you who were able to attend "Kids Can't Have All the Fun" at NLA this past October will be happy to know that Steve Rothenberger's book is almost out. I know... I sound like a proud sister/publicist and I guess I am both of those. This book makes a great coffee table book or gift for those who experienced the 60s Rock 'n' Roll phenomenon. It also fits well with this year's CSRP theme "Libraries Rock." Here is a brief summary of what readers will find and info on how to obtain a copy of this historical, nonfiction title.

Scottsbluff in '62 demonstrates how rock 'n' roll music helped to shape the popular culture of the 1960s, a volatile yet revolutionary period in U.S. History. The author portrays the 1960s as a magical time when simple rock 'n' roll melodies helped a nation endure a war and accept the rapid sociological and political changes that characterized this decade. The book begins in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, the cruisin' capital of western Nebraska and the prototype or starting point for memoirs and stories about local bands. The '60s music scene is quickly expanded to reflect rock 'n' roll on a regional and a national basis. All chapters are interspersed with historical information that reminds the reader of the unpredictable nature of these times. Much of this change is framed by the appearance of the *Beatles* on the Ed Sullivan Show, February 9, 1964, and the Woodstock Music Festival, August 15-18, 1969. The *Beatles'* appearance, dubbed the greatest event in rock 'n' roll history, ushered in the "British Invasion" of America when all aspects of popular culture looked to England to set the standard. The book is illustrated with black and white photos of early '60s rock bands and color posters of popular show bands that toured the Midwest. This book is not only for those wanting a dose of '60s nostalgia but for anyone interested in the true history of rock 'n' roll in small-town America. This could also include children and grandchildren who did not experience the music first-hand. The author does not hesitate to label the 1960s as the greatest musical decade of all time. ***Scottsbluff in '62: A Rock 'n' Roll Retrospective of Small Town America*** is an admirable attempt to explain "why."

Category: Historical, Nonfiction

Printed by Morris Press, Kearney, NE

Estimated pages: 130; Soft-bound 8 1/2" x 11"

Order after Mar. 1, 2018 from:

SR Publishing
4810 Ave H.
Kearney, NE 68847
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Spring Meetings

Sponsored by Public Library and Trustee Section (PLTS); School, Children's and Young People's Section (SCYP); Paraprofessional Section; and the Regional Library Systems

4 Locations!

April 16 - Seward Memorial Library
April 17 - Raymond A. Whitwer Tilden Public Library
April 24 - Lexington Public Library
April 25 - Alliance Public Library

Registration is \$40 per person (includes lunch)

9:00–9:30	Registration & Refreshments
9:30–10:00	Updates from PLTS, NLA, NLC, & the Regional Library Systems
10:00–12:00	David Drozd
12:00–1:00	Catered Lunch
1:00–3:00	Dr. Sheryl Feinstein

Nebraska's Changing Demographics and Their Impact on Your Community and Your Library

David Drozd, Center for Public Affairs Research, University of Nebraska Omaha

Have you noticed any changes in your community? If your local area is following the statewide trends, the population is likely aging and becoming more diverse. Rural areas are continuing to experience net out-migration, especially at college ages, but some return in their late 20s and 30s. These and other demographic factors will be discussed so that your community characteristics and current and future library clientele is well known. We'll cover how to obtain a profile of commonly used statistics from the Census Bureau's website, how Nebraska communities are unique, and what demographic changes are likely in the years ahead. Everyone will find something interesting in this session that will benefit your planning and community outreach.



Librarians Serving Youth: Supporting Brain Development

Sheryl Feinstein, Dean of the College of Education, University of Nebraska Kearney

Ever changing, growing, and eager to learn – the perfect description for youth and librarians. Libraries offer a wide range of literature and programs for children during the pre-school, elementary and adolescent ages. In the process of creating new and innovative paths to learning there is no group more eager for information and support than librarians. This interactive presentation will focus on the transforming brain of our babies, children, and teens in relation to libraries. The fascinating changes that are combusting, generating, and igniting in our youths' brains shed light on how to best understand, support, and mentor them.



Register and pay online at bit.do/PLTS2018registration or fill out the form below. Please email PLTSNebraska@gmail.com with any questions.



Please mail this registration with your \$40 check, postmarked by April 9, to:

Amy Hafer, PLTS Treasurer, Hastings Public Library, PO Box 849, Hastings, NE 68902

Name

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Belonging to (select all that apply): ☐ PLTS ☐ SCYP ☐ PARA ☐ none

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News You Can Use

Nebraska Innovation Studio - Train-the-Trainer Training

My recent tour of the Nebraska Innovation Studio in Lincoln left me with a sense of wonder and curiosity. Wow, talk about creativity packed into one area; and the possibilities these studio grants could offer our communities. Below are some of the projects I designed during my brief training period, and I'm looking forward to learning more with Bridgeport Public Library's Innovation Studio coming son in May.



VINYL CUTTER

Graphtec CE6000-60

Create original designs, including 68 shapes, and text, using CorelDRAW.



HEAT PRESS

EnduraPRESS

Design your own logo for a t-shirt, apron, bag or many other projects. .

Button Maker:

Design pins, mirrors, and even magnets.

Laminator:

Cool luggage tags!



LASER CUTTER

with filtration system
Universal Laser Systems VLS 2.30

The laser cutter works on several different types of materials: 12 x 16" and 1/4 inch thick wood or even cardboard to name a few. There is a rotation unit internal attachment so that cylinder shaped items such as a jar or glass can also be etched.

Much more equipment is available, such as an Embroidery/Sewing Machine; Makey Makey + Camera/Video + Music Creation; Laminator, CNC Router, and even a 3D Printer and LEGO Mindstorms.

Library Innovation Studios: Transforming Rural Communities



The next round of the application process for your own Nebraska Library Innovation Studio is open until July 20, 2018!

Don't wait until the deadline passes, begin planning today!

For more details contact JoAnn McManus at joann.mcmanus@nebraska.gov.

Visit: <http://www.nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/InnovationStudios/>

[LibraryInnovationStudiosProjectSummary.pdf](#)



News You Can Use

Cover One Book Repair Service!



The Western Library System has a binding repair machine that fixes a variety of types and sizes of books. Take advantage of this useful service to save your valuable books and avoid the cost of replacements. Go to <http://www.coverone.net/>

Bring your books into the WLS office to make your own repairs! Call the WLS office for an appointment: 308-632-1350, Toll-Free 888-879-5303.

Disc Cleaning and Repair!



The Western Library System has the RTI ECO-SMART Disc Repair System. It is not just a buffer, but a full-service machine, to both clean and repair your valuable discs. Save those discs that won't play! As long as they are not cracked, we can fix them.

From July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018, each WLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings. If you have any questions, please call the WLS office.



Makey Makey The Western Library System has a new Invention Kit for Beginners and experts for art, engineering, and many other project for budding innovators. Check this out for you library today! If you have any questions, please contact the WLS office.

Kreutz Bennett Grant

If you are an accredited library with a population under 3,000, don't forget about the Kreutz Bennett grant. The short form deadline is in October, 2018 to be considered for the grant cycle awarded in March 2019, so you will have time to put your program together. It requires a 1:1 match and awards are \$1,000 and up. See all the details at: https://www.nebcommfound.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Grant-Guidelines_2019.pdf.

Three types of grants will be offered: 1. Planning Grants (Grants for non-accredited public libraries working toward accreditation.) 2. Enhancement Grants (Grants for accredited public libraries to enhance programs and services.) 3. Facilities Grants (Grants for accredited public libraries to improve their facilities.)

Western Library System Scholarship Application

Would you like to attend an upcoming conference?
Would you like to go to some of the meetings held around the state?
Do you need funding for attending a workshop?

WLS has scholarship money available

Up to \$200.00 per event for registration, mileage, meals, etc.

All member libraries are eligible

<http://libraries.ne.gov/wls/files/2015/07/WLS-Scholarship-Application.pdf>

Western Library System ANNUAL MEETING 2018

When: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 – **SAVE THE DATE!**

Where: The Chappell Memorial Library & Art Gallery
289 Babcock
Chappell, NE 691129



Come join us for an enjoyable and unforgettable experience!

Registration & Coffee: 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Look for the upcoming registration form.

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WESTERN LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Do you know someone who is committed to the quality of library services in the Western region and who would be interested in serving on the WLS Board? If so, please nominate that person for one of the open three-year terms beginning July 1, 2018.

Those nominated must be from the category as described below:

Position 1: School Library Rep. - Nominee must be from a School/Media Library.
Current member's 1st term is expiring.

Position 2: Public Library Rep. – Nominee must be from a Public Library.
Current member's 1st term is expiring.

Position 3: District A - Nominee must be from District A Counties: (Sioux, Dawes, Box Butte, and Sheridan).
Current member's 1st term is expiring, will not be running for a second term.

***Contact the WLS Office for details!**



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